

BLOSSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2022

Council Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Jolene Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance: President Jolene Hall, Vice-President Timothy Martin, Pro-Temp Tonya McNamara, Council Members: Jill Nickerson, James Rakoski (Absent), Henry Bartlett and Kenneth Johnson Mayor, Shane Nickerson (Absent), Borough Solicitor, Patrick Barrett (Absent), Police Chief, Josh McCurdy, Borough Manager, George D. Lloyd, Borough Secretary, Cheryl Bubacz and School Representative, Sara Kelly (Absent).

Guests: Natalie Kennedy from *Wellsboro Gazette*.

Natalie Kennedy had no comment.

Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Bills, Police Report & Borough Manager's Report:

Minutes and monthly Reports were all accepted as presented Motion of Jill Nickerson Second Timothy Martin. All in favor.

Mayor:

The Mayor was out of town.

Police:

Nothing

Police Committee:

Nothing

Borough Manager:

The Borough was presented with a gas lease from Repsol for 8.5 acres of property located in Hamilton Township off of White Street. This is a 2-year lease and is \$1,700 per year. Motion by Jill Nickerson, Second by Tonya McNamara to accept the lease and authorize Borough Manager to execute the lease. All in Favor.

The annual Spring Clean-up is fast approaching. Clean-up will be the Tuesday and Wednesday following the community yard sale, which is scheduled for May 7, 2022. Borough Manager will check with NTSWA to confirm that May 10th and 11th are available for the clean-up.

The Borough normally hosts the TCAB Meeting the 3rd Thursday of March, which is March 17, 2022. Does Council want to host the meeting for March? After discussion, the Council determine that they will host the March 17, 2022 TCAB Meeting at the Fire Hall, beginning at 6:00 pm with a social period, followed at 6:30 by the Meeting and Dinner. Guest speaker will be Joshua Zeyn, Tioga County Chief Assessor. He will discuss the County-wide real estate reassessment.

Junior Council Person:

Nothing.

VIBE:

The calendar of events for 2022 was discussed. Community Yard Sale will be May 7th and the Island Park 150 will be November 12, 2022.

Planning Commission Report:

A meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 14, 2022 to discuss the rezoning of the old Hospital from R-2 back to S-1.

Zoning Hearing Board:

Nothing

Recreation:

The Board discussed the Craft Show which is to be held September 10th and 11th on Island Park. Borough Manager will get with the Event Coordinator to discuss the layout for the event, parking and other necessities. Motion of Jill Nickerson, Second by Timothy Martin that the event be authorized. All in Favor

The 5th Annual Island Park 150 was discussed and approved by the Board for Saturday, November 12, 2022. Motion by Tonya McNamara, Second by Kenneth Johnson to authorize the 5th Annual Island Park 150. All in Favor.

Fire and Ambulance:

Nothing

Library:

Everything seems to be running smoothly. There was a complaint from the Borough Employees about a truck that is being parked over night in the parking lot, making it hard to plow. Chief McCurdy will talk with the individual and see if the parking could be changed to the old Borough Hall parking lot.

Street Committee:

Nothing.

Shade Tree Commission:

Nothing

Budget:

Nothing

Blossburg Municipal Report:

The Municipal Authority's Hydrogeologist will be preparing the SRBC Application for water withdrawal from two (2) Taylor Run wells in the next few weeks. This will allow the Taylor Run water project to keep moving forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

LED Streetlights (April 2021): Waiting on Penelec to hire a project manager.

American Rescue Plan (April 2021): Nothing

Sale of 245 Main Street: (April 2021): Waiting for Blossburg Improvement Association to determine if they are interested in the building.

Old Hospital: Following a recommendation from the Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held regarding the rezoning of the property and Council may then vote on the reclassification. Plans from the Architects will be reviewed at the Planning Commission Meeting.

Junk Cars on Taylor Street (June 2021). Need to move forward on the updated Ordinance in order to have it in place by spring for car removals.

Project Goals for 2022: We will review the eight (8) project goals for 2022 periodically and provide updates.

- a. **Better WiFi on Island Park:** The Borough received and signed the request to determine who owns the electric poles on the Park. This is the first step to increase the WiFi band width on the Park.
- b. **Sidewalk, Lighting and Signage for Island Park:** A grant request is being prepared for the installation of a sidewalk from the corner of Water Street and S. Williamson Road to the Park. This Grant will include new signage for the Park, new gate and lighting for the Park, walking trail and baseball fields.
- c. **Email Addresses for Council.** Email addresses for the council members was discussed. It was determined that they do not want to have email addresses through the Office at this time. This item can be removed from the Goals for 2022.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Kenneth Johnson asked who was responsible for reporting streetlight outages. The Chief of Police said his Office and the Borough Secretary. Johnson wanted to report two (2) outages. Both of the outages he reported have been turned into Penelec to be fixed.

General Discussion:

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned by President Jolene Hall at 7:11 p.m. Motion by Timothy Martin, Second by Jill Nickerson. All in Favor

Cheryl L. Bubacz, Borough Secretary